GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6717
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2002
REHABILITATION OF SCAVENGERS
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched the concept of sanitary marts to liberate and rehabilitate the scavengers;

(b) if so, the number of sanitary marts set up during the last three years alongwith financial assistance provided, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for very slow pace for setting up of sanitary marts; and

(d) the fresh steps taken for proper and expeditious implementation of the scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The State-wise details of financial assistance provided and sanitary marts set up during the last three years are given at Annexure-I.

(c) The sanitary mart concept involves group approach in rehabilitation. It has taken time for this approach to gain acceptability.

(d) A flexible approach regarding number of scavengers in the group and nature of economic activity is helping in improved implementation of the programme.

Annexure-I Statement referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.6717 for 10.5.2002 by Shri Suresh Ramrao Jadhav regarding `Rehabilitation of Scavengers`.

S.No.	Name of State/UT	Amount sanctioned During the last three years (Rs. in crore)	Total Sanitary Marts set up
1	Andhra Pradesh	10.41	241
2	Assam	3.72	NA
3	Chhattisgarh	15	6
4	Gujarat	11.61	5
5	Jharkhand	10.85	NA
6	Karnataka	4.67	1
7	Madhya Pradesh	8.83	7
8	Maharashtra	15.81	1
9	Orissa	0.00	3
10	Rajasthan	16.62	NA
11	Tamil Nadu	22.53	128
12	Uttar Pradesh	0.00	151
	Total	120.05	543

Note:- Out of the previous unspent balance available with the State Scheduled Castes Development Corpoations (SCDCs)NA - Information not received from the State SCDCs.